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MINUTES

April 9, 2007

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Trumbull Town Council was called to order at 8:06 p.m. by Chairman Mark Altieri. All present joined in a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL: The clerk called the roll and recorded it as follows:

Dan Marconi	John Rotondo	Kathleen Bivona
Michael Rappa	John Sowka	Carl Massaro
Mary Ellen Lemay	Perry Molinoff	Dan Helfrich
Mary Beth Thornton	Mark Altieri	
Jeffrey Jenkins	Martha Mark	

ABSENT: Steve Lupien, Jane Deyoe, John DelVecchio, Jr., Debbie Lamberti, Tom Ragonese, Chad Ciocci, Matt Reale, Charles Pitcher

* Chairman Mark Altieri exercised his right not to vote unless otherwise noted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Moved by Mr. Massaro to amend TC21-142 by adding a statement which he read aloud. Mr. Jenkins seconded.

Chairman Altieri stated that he believes the Minutes as written are a condensed version of the details included in Mr. Massaro's statement. Instead of changing the Minutes, he suggested attaching Mr. Massaro's statement to them as an addendum.

Moved by Mr. Massaro, seconded by Mr. Jenkins to add the statement, which was read by Mr. Massaro, as an addendum to the March 5, 2007 Minutes

VOTE: Passed unanimously

VOTE: Adopted unanimously as amended

DISCUSSION ITEM: Trumbull High School Building Committee update

Trumbull High School Building Committee Chairman Jim Nugent anticipates that the classrooms and language labs which have been under construction will be completed and ready for occupancy within the next few days. He expects that the addition to the Commons will be ready for occupancy sometime in early May. Based on estimates from the Construction Manager, the project is currently under-budget.

The bonding request for the like new renovation will be heard by the Board of Finance this month. The committee has received 13 submissions from architects interested in the job. They will try to narrow that number down to 6-8 for interviews.

Item 1. **RESOLUTION TC21-163:** Moved by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Ms. Mark

BE IT RESOLVED, That the appointment by the First Selectman of Cheryl Mayeran, 11 Captains Walk, as a member of the Trumbull Monroe Health District to fill the vacancy created by the death of Albert Weinstein is hereby approved for a term extending to March 3, 2008.

Committee report: L&A Committee met on March 26, 2007 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

Mr. Jenkins moved to make this emergency legislation.

Chairman Altieri noted that a 2/3 affirmative vote is required for the passage of emergency legislation. He ruled the motion out of order because there were not enough members in attendance to achieve a 2/3 vote (14 votes).

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 2. **RESOLUTION TC21-164:** Moved by Mr. Massaro, seconded by Ms. Bivona

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Elementary School Building Committee is hereby disbanded and its members commended for a job well done.

Committee report: L&A Committee met on March 26, 2007 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

Mr. Massaro is a member of the building committee and he explained that when they convened in 2000, the Town had not constructed a building of this magnitude in over 30 years. Frenchtown School on the D'Addario campus joined the District on August 26, 2003 and was intended to be the cornerstone of the Board of Education's plan to provide top quality classrooms and relieve burgeoning enrollment.

The committee used the Quality Based Selection process to select Fletcher-Thompson as the Architect and Turner Construction as the Construction Manager. The project was on-time and under-budget. Mr. Massaro believes the Town owes these firms a deep debt of gratitude for helping guide the project through the School Facilities Unit and the post September 11th period.

Mr. Massaro introduced other members of the building committee who were in attendance: Chairman Frank Metrusky, Andy Lubin and Debbie Boles. Other members of the committee include Rich Chapman, Dan Perreira and Jen Connic. Principal Jackie Norcel attended committee meetings for the 6-9 months prior to the school opening and was instrumental in getting all the classrooms properly outfitted.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 3. **RESOLUTION TC21-165:** Moved by Ms. Bivona, seconded by Mr. Marconi

BE IT RESOLVED, That the purchase of a piece or parcel of land, 7.25 acres +/- of land at 1734 Huntington Turnpike by the Town of Trumbull from Trinity Church for the purchase price of \$1,025,000, as recommended by the Land Acquisition Committee is hereby approved.

Committee report: L&A Committee met on March 26, 2007 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 4. **RESOLUTION TC21-166:** Held in Committee

Item 5. **RESOLUTION TC21-167:** Moved by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Ms. Bivona

Whereas, All American citizens are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice; and

Whereas, State and Federal Fair Housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, marital status, age, mental or physical disability, lawful source of income, sexual orientation, familial status, be given equal access to rental and homeownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

Whereas, The **Town of Trumbull** is committed to upholding these laws, and realizes that these laws must be supplemented by an Affirmative Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the **Town of Trumbull** hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy to ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase and obtain financing for adequate housing of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis: and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the First Selectman of the Town of Trumbull or his/her designated

representative is responsible for responding to and assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of an illegal discriminatory housing practices in the Town of Trumbull.

Committee report: L&A Committee met on March 26, 2007 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

For the next item, it was moved by Mr. Rappa, seconded by Mr. Sowka to waive the reading of the full resolution.

VOTE: Carried unanimously

Item 6. **RESOLUTION TC21-168:** Moved by Mr. Rappa, seconded by Mr. Sowka

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fair Housing Policy Statement, be and the same is hereby adopted.

TOWN OF TRUMBULL
FAIR HOUSING POLICY STATEMENT

It is both the policy and strong commitment of the **Town of Trumbull** to promote Fair Housing opportunities in all its programs and housing development activities and to take affirmative action through education and implementation to ensure equal housing opportunities for all persons and families.

The **Town of Trumbull** will take affirmative action to ensure that all tenants, applicants, residents are treated fairly without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, ancestry, learning disability, mental or physical disability, including but not limited to blindness, age individuals with children or lawful source of income.

The **Town of Trumbull** will continue to make a good faith effort to comply with all Federal and State laws and policies which speak to fair housing practices.

It is the policy of the **Town of Trumbull** that all Housing related personnel be trained and educated in the principles of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity so that Equal Housing Opportunity may be available to all qualified applicants.

This Fair Housing Policy Statement reaffirms our personal commitment to the principles of fair housing and equal opportunity housing practices.

The Fair Housing Officer, _____, or their designated representative is responsible for the enforcement and implementation of the Fair Housing

Regulations/Plan and the enforcement of this policy. The Fair Housing Officer may be reached at _____.

Complaint(s) pertaining to discrimination in any program funded by this **Town of Trumbull** may be filed with the Fair Housing Officer. The Town's Grievance procedure will be utilized in this case(s).

Complaints also may be filed with the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunity, 21 Grand Street, Hartford, CT 06106.

CITY OF

Title

Committee report: L&A Committee met on March 26, 2007 and amended by inserting First Selectman and 452-5005 into the blank spaces. They voted 5-0 to recommend as amended.

The committee report was accepted as an amendment with unanimous consent.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously as amended

With unanimous consent, Council waived the reading of the full resolution for the next item.

Item 7. **RESOLUTION TC21-169:** Moved by Mr. Sowka, seconded by Ms. Mark

BE IT RESOLVED, That Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, be and the same is hereby adopted.

TOWN OF TRUMBULL

COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

The **Town of Trumbull** does not discriminate in the provision of services, the administration of its programs, or contractual agreements. The **Town of Trumbull** seeks to fully carry out its responsibilities under the Title VI Regulations.

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance. Title VI provides that "No person shall on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of,

or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program” covered by the Regulations.

This policy is effectuated through the methods of administration outlined in the Town’s Fair Housing Plan and is fully implemented to ensure compliance by the Town, as the recipient, and by sub recipients. The cooperation of all Town personnel is required.

Mr. Raymond G. Baldwin, Jr.
First Selectman
Town of Trumbull

Committee report: L&A Committee met on March 26, 2007 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 8. RESOLUTION TC21-170: Held in committee

Item 9. RESOLUTION TC21-171: Moved by Mr. Marconi, seconded by Mr. Molinoff

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Attorney, be and the same is hereby authorized to settle a matter known as New Boston Ballardvale Limited Partnership v Town of Trumbull, Docket #CV06-4016742.

Committee report: L&A Committee met on March 26, 2007 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 10. RESOLUTION TC21-172: Moved by Ms. Mark, seconded by Mr. Sowka

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Attorney, be and the same is hereby authorized to settle a matter known as New Boston Ballardvale Limited Partnership v Town of Trumbull, Docket No. CV06-4016743.

Committee report: L&A Committee met on March 26, 2007 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 11. RESOLUTION TC21-173: Moved by Mr. Molinoff, seconded by

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Attorney, be and the same is hereby authorized to settle a matter known as Stop & Shop Supermarket Company v. Town of Trumbull, Docket No. CV06-4013150 S.

Committee report: L&A Committee met on March 26, 2007 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 12. RESOLUTION TC21-174: Returned to committee

There will be a special meeting on Monday, April 23, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of voting on the budget.

Mr. Helfrich moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Molinoff. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m. with unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Lusebrink,
Council Clerk